

— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

John Hoeven
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2007-14

WHEREAS, I John Hoeven, Governor of the State of North Dakota, by the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim a severe summer weather disaster for the city of Northwood and other impacted areas of eastern North Dakota due to storm activity on August 26 into the early hours of August 27, 2007; and

WHEREAS, a Enhanced Fajita (EF) 4 tornado resulted in one confirmed death and several injuries in the city of Northwood, Grand Forks County; and

WHEREAS, the tornado uprooted trees, downed power transmission lines and severely damaged homes, businesses and public infrastructure, resulting in massive amounts of debris; and

WHEREAS, in most parts of town, the tornado scoured to ground level, flattening buildings and transporting debris in wide-arching patterns; and

WHEREAS, two National Weather Service (NWS) storm damage survey teams assessed portions of the storm's path and determined nearly the entire community was impacted by the tornado, which reached almost one mile in width and five miles in length as it spiraled through main residential and business areas; and

WHEREAS, two side-by-side mobile home parks and two city parks were heavily damaged along with the fire hall, school, grain elevator, grocery store and Agvise Laboratories, the city's largest employer; and

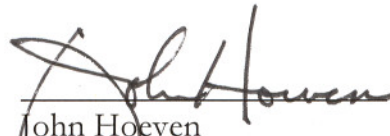
NOW THEREFORE, I order total utilization of the North Dakota State Emergency Operations Plan, its procedures, attachments and appendices, to respond to the situation, assist local and tribal officials, alleviate hardships, and implement appropriate recovery actions and future mitigation measures to limit the hardships and impact of this disaster, and facilitate restoration of services and infrastructure.

This order is issued upon the following basis and for the following reasons:

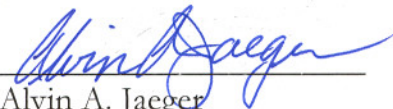
1. The Governor is vested with the executive authority pursuant to Article V, Section 1, of the North Dakota Constitution.
2. The Governor is vested with statutory authority to issue executive orders, minimize or avert the effects of a disaster or emergency pursuant to Chapter 37-17.1 of the North Dakota Century Code.

3. A coordinated and effective effort of appropriate government departments is required to minimize the impact of emergencies and disasters in this state.

Executed at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 31th day of August, 2007.


John Hoeven
Governor

Attest:


Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State

Deputy